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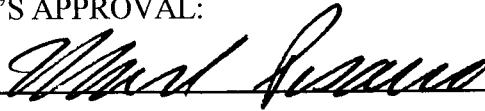
DATE: January 21, 2004

TO: Transportation & Communications Committee

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SUBJECT: 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)--- 101 Corridor -- Issues Matrix Item

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Highway and Transportation Finance Task Force, at its January 21, 2004 meeting recommended consideration of the following alternatives for the 2004 RTP in the 101 Corridor (101/110 Interchange to SR 23/101 Interchange/Ventura County Line):

- 1) Potential capacity enhancements within the existing right of way or requiring minimum right of way acquisition on the segment from the 101/134/170 Interchange to the 23/101 Interchange at the Ventura County line. This will be based upon the results of further consultant analysis to be completed in February 2004.
- 2) Extensive Transportation System Management (TSM) and transit options, as appropriate, identified in the corridor study, as well as, priority near and midterm TSM and transit options, as appropriate, identified in the City of Los Angeles Community Advisory process for all portions of the 101 Corridor.
- 3) Continued study of long term east-west travel needs in the 101/San Fernando Valley Corridor and further study of improvements to system connectivity and potential operational improvements to key Freeway/Freeway interchanges.

BACKGROUND:

The Draft 2004 Regional Transportation Plan included a proposal that 2 High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes be added to the 101 Corridor, between the 170/134/101 Interchange and the 23/101 Interchange at the Ventura County Line. This project is assumed to be financed through user fees/tolls generated by users of the HOT lanes.

The 101 Corridor from 110/101 Interchange to the 23/101 Interchange has been the subject of a Regionally Significant Transportation Investment Study (RSTIS) process for over 3 years, lead by Caltrans and LACMTA. The 101 Corridor was listed as a "further" study corridor in the 2001 RTP. The draft recommendation from the 101 Corridor RSTIS Technical Advisory Committee was presented in Spring of 2003, which called for 2 HOV Lanes in each direction from



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101/134/170 Interchange to the 23/101 Interchange at the Ventura County Line, as well as extensive TSM and Transit improvements. This proposed alternative required significant right of way takings and engendered widespread community discussion, and opposition from many neighborhoods potentially affected by the widening.

The City of Los Angeles, in response to the areas affected within the City, instituted, at the direction of the City Council Members from the 101 corridor, a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) process to advise the City Staff, and relevant public agencies with additional public input. This process began at the end of August 2003 and resulted in a number of facilitated workshops within the 101 corridor. This process took in suggestions for nearly 250 near, medium, and long term actions/projects to improve traffic conditions and reduce community impacts from traffic in the 101 corridor. City staff and CAC representatives selected from the (3) subareas of the corridor are in the process of reviewing, analyzing, and making recommendations on prioritizing the proposed improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact to SCAG. Potential future project cost impacts on the RTP and RTIP.

